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The Council met at 11 A. M. in the Council Chamber with the Dewan President in the Chair.

NEW MEMBERS.

The followlng members took the oath and signed the Rolls :

1. Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker (*Secretary to Government*).
2. Dr. S. John (*Surgeon General*) and
3. Dr. H. Parameswaran (*Director of Industries*).

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Paywards in the Nagercoil T. B. Hospital.

101. *Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of paywards in the T. B. Hospital, Nagercoil, opened till 1121 ;

(*b*) whether all of them are occupied by patients ;

(*c*) whether the paywards are provided with flushout latrines and other sanitary installations for the patients ;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that the inmates living with the patients in the paywards, are not provided with any latrines ;

(*e*) whether the general wards Nos. 3 and 4 are provided with any sanitary installations and if not how are the patients

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[Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar.]

occupying such wards managing for their easing purposes ;

(*f*) whether they are provided with any sort of conveniences for the same ;

(*g*) whether the 4 more general wards recently constructed were provided with sanitary installations or flushout latrines or any other arrangements ;

(*h*) when was the construction of the 4 more general wards completed ;

(*i*) why were such wards not opened as yet ;

(*j*) what is the number of applications pending on 1-10-1121 for admission by patients ; and

(*k*) whether it is a fact that for want of admissions patients are living close by the Hospital on all sides of the Hospital compound in ill-ventilated and unhygienic buildings ?

Dr. S. John (*Surgeon-General*) : (*a*) Eight.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) No. The patients are using bored-hole latrines.

(*f*) Yes.

(*g*) No.

(*h*) By the end of 1120 M. E.

(*i*) Though the ward buildings are completed, the work of levelling the ground, constructions of steps, latrines etc., are not completed and the necessary articles of furniture have not been supplied.

(*j*) Ninenty-one.

(*k*) Some patients are staying outside and attending hospital daily. It is not known exactly where they are living.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : With reference to answer to part (e) may I know from the member the number of patients who occupy ward numbers 3 and 4 ?

Dr. S. John : I think there are more patients than there are beds because there is no other place there.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : May I know how many bore holes are provided for ward numbers 3 and 4.

Dr. S. John : One.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : May I know the distance between the bore holes and the wards ?

Dr. S. John : About 20 to 30 feet.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : Is it not a fact that all the patients ease themselves in the compound opposite ?

Dr. S. John : It has never come to my notice till now.

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Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai (*Municipal Councils*): May I know whether patients are put to the necessity of lying on the floor for want of beds ?

Dr. S. John: Certainly.

Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai: May I know whether that will not aggravate their disease ?

Dr. S. John: It will not.

Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai: May I know whether it is not possible to provide beds for them also ?

Dr. S. John: New wards have been constructed only recently. As soon as furniture and everything else are provided these patients will be given beds.

T. B. Hospital, Nagercoil.

102. * **Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar**: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether for all the paywards together there is only one water-tap situated in the middle for taking water for all of them for all the purposes and that this is causing very serious inconvenience and trouble for the inmates of the paywards :

(*b*) whether it is a fact that even in that single water tap there will be no flow of water before 7 A. M. after 8 A. M. til l 11 A. M. and after 12 noon to 4 P. M. ;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the water necessary for the use of the Hospital and the patients is stored from a well situated very close to the general ward ;

(*d*) what is the distance between the well and the general ward Nos. 1 & 2 ;

(*e*) whether it is a fact that the close proximity of the well to the general ward is a source of contagion of the disease and is unhygienic ;

(*f*) whether it is a fact that there will be only about one foot of water in the well during the months of Meenam, Medom and Kumbhom yearly ;

(*g*) whether there are other wells in the Hospital compound situated away from the general ward from which water could be safely collected ;

(*h*) what will be the cost of constructing the necessary works for storing water from that well ;

(*i*) what will be the nearest distance between the Nagercoil water pipe line and the T. B. Hospital ;

(*j*) what will be the amount necessary to connect the said pipe water line with the T. B. Hospital ; and

(*k*) whether it is a fact that there are large quantities of pipes lying unused at Muttom, useful for the water pipe line ?

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